

REMARKS

The original title has been amended to provide a new title that is more appropriately descriptive of the subject invention.

The original abstract has been canceled in its entirety and substituted by a new abstract which is believed to provide a more concise summary of the disclosure.

The original specification has been substituted by a new specification which is believed to fully overcome the rejection of the original specification under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The new specification is fully supported by the original disclosure of this application and therefore does not constitute the introduction of any new matter into this case.

The rejection of original claims 1-4 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention is believed to be duly overcome through the cancellation of original claims 1-4 and the substitution of corresponding new claims 5-7 therefor. Claims 5-7 are the only claims now under consideration in this application and should now be allowable.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that this application would be allowable upon overcoming the formal objections to the specification and formal rejection of the claims. It is believed that this has been duly accomplished herein.

Accordingly, this application should now be in condition for formal allowance and prompt notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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Group Art Unit: 3611
Examiner: Kevin Hurley

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at 703 683-0500.

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